

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

GOOD BUMPER STICKER SLOGANS DO NOT MEAN GOOD GOVERNMENT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2, the Line Item Veto Act. I urge us to think very clearly about the important mechanism of checks and balances that I believe will be irreparably damaged if we accept the line item veto.

Article I of the U.S. Constitution—the only contract we really have with America—addresses the duties of Congress. The Founding Fathers gave the power of the purse to Congress, and not to the President. Why, in their wisdom, did they do so? Constitutionalists will tell us the answer lies in the old saying, “the President proposes, the Congress disposes.”

It is the legislative branch that is charged with dealing with the details that are so important to every piece of legislation that we see in this, the “people’s Chamber.” It is tedious and often thankless, but it is part of our agreement with each and every American who cast their votes for us every 2 years.

We hear so much talk these days about term limits and how much better they would make our legislative process. The President already has term limits. Combine that with this line item veto, and what the American people will get is a chief executive with unlimited, unchecked power to unilaterally pick and choose projects to reject.

This should not be construed as an attack against the judgment of the current President. On this issue, I am strictly nonpartisan. Nothing should interfere with the balance of power between the executive and legislative branches of Government. I caution us to resist the temptation of bumper sticker politics.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN NELMS, COLORADO’S VOCA- TIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Alan Nelms for being named Vocational Teacher of the Year by the Colorado Vocational Association. Alan is a marketing teacher at South High School in Pueblo, CO.

Alan has been recognized for his innovative approach to teaching. Bringing more academics into his marketing classes, the development of business partnerships and job placement programs for his students, Mr. Nelms has exhibited the type of individual we need teaching our children. His approach to teaching is innovative, refreshing, and continually changing with the demands of the workplace.

Alan’s future curriculum includes such ideas as, establishing business internships for teachers so they can learn more about the workplace and improve the School-to-Work Program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in congratulating Alan Nelms on his award. I know all of us thank Alan for his dedication, professionalism, and selfless service to his students.

A TRIBUTE TO F.F. “PANCHO” MEDRANO, JR.

HON. JOHN BRYANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Texas lost a leading citizen and active advocate for the working people of Texas with the sudden death on January 18, 1995, of F.F. “Pancho” Medrano, Jr.

A member of a politically active family committed to advancing the cause of organized labor and the election of progressive Democratic candidates, Pancho Medrano, Jr., has left an important legacy of community participation.

Pancho Medrano, Jr., was devoted to his family, his community, the well-being of the working men and women he so ably represented, and improvement of society through the electoral process.

His unexpected death at the age of 53 deprived Dallas, TX, and the Nation of an important and influential voice.

For 28 years—more than half his all too brief life—Pancho Medrano, Jr., was an aerospace employee of Vought Aircraft Corp. in Grand Prairie.

He was an effective leader of the organized labor movement in Texas, serving as vice president of the United Auto Workers Local 848 and chairman of its political action committee.

Following in the footsteps of his father and namesake, Pancho Medrano, Jr., made politics and the labor movement part of his extended family.

As Dallas County Democratic Party chairman Ken Molberg noted, “For years, Pancho promoted the policies, platform, and candidates of this great party with a passionate activism that is unique in our times * * *. He gave his all.”

That commitment and involvement ran deep in the Medrano family—his father, Pancho Medrano, Sr.; his brothers, Robert, Ricardo, and Rolando Medrano; his sister Pauline; his wife, Socorro Medrano; his sons, Adam and Frank Medrano III; his daughters, Virginia Coronado and Mia Medrano; and his four grandchildren.

Mike Hall, president of Pancho Medrano, Jr.’s UAW Local accurately described him: “Pancho was the kind of person who never met a stranger. He was always on the cam-

paign trail for someone. He was a friend of the Kennedys in the 1960’s and a personal friend of Bill Clinton today.”

Whether they were Presidents or union members or a neighbor down the street, Pancho Medrano was a good and loyal friend, who will be missed from the White House to the houses of those of us who lived and worked with him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during one vote on H.R. 2 on February 3, 1995. Had I been here, I would have voted against the Wise substitute amendment (Roll No. 90).

WALTER B. JONES FEDERAL BUILDING

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 6, 1995

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, this week I reintroduced legislation to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 215 South Evans Street in Greenville, NC, as the “Walter B. Jones Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse.” The late Walter B. Jones was a dear friend, and one of the most respected and accomplished members ever to have served in this august body.

Walter Beaman Jones was born in Fayetteville, NC on August 19, 1913. He attended Fayetteville public schools and the Elise Academy in Hemp, NC. In 1934, he graduated from North Carolina State University and entered the office supply business.

In 1949, Walter Jones began what would prove to be an illustrious and historic career as a public servant when he was elected the mayor of Farmville, NC. He served for 4 years as mayor of Farmville. In 1955 he was elected to the North Carolina State Assembly. After being elected to three terms as a State assemblyman, Walter Jones was elected to the State senate in 1965. In 1966 he won a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of former Member Herbert Bonner. From his first days in Congress, Walter worked hard and long for his constituents. He also became a tireless advocate for the American worker and the American farmer. He was reelected to 11 successive Congresses, serving in the U.S. House of Representatives from February 5, 1966 to January 3, 1989. He was a member of the House Agriculture Committee and served as chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and served as

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